

# Catholic Church

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- **28April2002** [\[11\]](#) - The clergy's buried truths - Prevalence of male teenage victims in scandal points to other issues

- **31Jan2006** [\[12\]](#) - {Village Voice) Outing Cardinal Egan, by Kristen Lombardi
- 4June2010 [\[13\]](#) - Danish paper ripped bishop, ignored law that required silence
- 5July2010 [\[14\]](#) - Melbourne [Australia](#) archbishop issues apology, says 60 priests abused children
- 8July2010 [\[15\]](#) - FACTBOX - Sex abuse scandals in the Catholic Church
- **21Dec2010** [\[16\]](#) - (Belfast [Ireland](#)Telegraph) Pope's child porn 'normal' claim sparks outrage among victims
- **24May2012** [\[17\]](#) - (Belfast [Ireland](#) Telegraph) **Catholic Church** excommunicates mother and doctors of a nine-year-old rape victim that had abortion - but not accused rapist
- 24July2012 [\[18\]](#) - (USA) Church Official Sentenced to Prison for Sex Abuse Coverup
- 12Nov2012 [\[19\]](#) - [Australia](#) Child Sex Abuse Inquiry Launched
- **25Jan2013** [\[20\]](#) - Files: Cardinal Mahoney Hid Child Sex Abuse Cases
- **27Jan2013** [\[21\]](#) - The Cardinal and the Truth - "No member of the Roman Catholic hierarchy fought longer and more energetically than Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, [California](#) to conceal the decades-long scandal involving the rape and intimidation of children by rogue priests..."
- **4June2014** [\[22\]](#) - (Belfast Telegraph) **Mass grave of 796 babies** found in septic tank at **Catholic** orphanage in Tuam, Galway ([Northern Ireland](#))
- **11July2014** [\[23\]](#) - 'Black Pope' Pachon Resigns From Vatican After Child Abuse Charge

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- **18Aug2014** [\[24\]](#) - Court witnesses testify, eyewitnesses confirm that Pope Francis raped, killed children
- **31March2015** [\[25\]](#) - [Vatican](#) Defends Appointment from [Chile](#)

"...A [Vatican](#) spokesperson's dismissive statement today defending Pope Francis's appointment of **Chilean** bishop Juan de la Cruz Barros Madrid deepens the crisis of credibility that the pope is facing. What's at stake here is nothing less than papal accountability. Francis has pledged to discipline bishops who fail to protect children, and the Chilean public, along with members of his own abuse commission, are determined to hold him to his promise... ignore multiple **victims' testimony** that Barros witnessed their **sexual abuse** by Karadima. ... ignored repeated **requests by anguished victims for intervention** in their cases. While his colleagues in the US and Europe issued apologies, implemented reforms, and met with victims, he stayed largely silent on the issue of clergy sex abuse, except to issue an implausible denial that he had ever handled an abusive priest. His only known action was to commission a behind-the-scenes report to [Argentina's](#) Supreme Court judges that impugned the credibility of victims of a criminally convicted priest - an action eerily consistent with the disregard the **Pope** has shown survivors' witness in the Barros/Karadima case... It is noteworthy and troubling that neither **zero tolerance nor mandatory reporting is included** in the universal policy framework - the **CDF's 2011 Circular Letter ...**"

- **22June2015** [\[26\]](#) - Brendan Smyth may have abused more than 200 children - Inquiry in North hears notorious paedophile priest abused children for decades - Failings that allowed notorious **paedophile priest** Brendan Smyth to abuse children for four decades will be examined by a public inquiry on Monday
- **9 Jan2016** [\[27\]](#) - Lawyer: 231 children abused in [Germany](#) **Catholic** choir - The claims hit close to home for **Pope Benedict XVI**, whose older brother directed the famous Bavarian choir during that time. [\[28\]](#) [\[29\]](#)
- **30May2016** [\[30\]](#) (Daily News) *EXCLUSIVE: **Catholic Church** spent \$2M on major N.Y. lobbying firms to block child-sex law reform* [\[31\]](#)
- **31May2016** [\[32\]](#) (Gawker.com) - The New York **Catholic Church** Paid Lobbyists \$2.1 Million to Block Child Sex-Abuse Law Reform [\[33\]](#) ... See Also: [The Gawker Shutdown](#)
- **3Feb2017** [\[34\]](#) ([Australia](#)) Royal commission into sexual abuse: Senior Catholic leaders called to give evidence next week - Every Catholic archbishop in the country except for Hobart is being called to give evidence at a royal commission hearing starting next week in Sydney.

- **6Feb2017** [\[35\]](#) - 4,444 victims: extent of abuse in Catholic church in [Australia](#) revealed
- **20June2017** [\[36\]](#) - The Silence of the Lambs - Are Protestants concealing a Catholic-size sexual abuse scandal?

## Timeline

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[Belgium](#)

- A Belgian Catholic Church commission monitoring complaints about sexual abuse of children by priests disbanded on June 28 after police seized all its files and a computer.
- The unprecedented raids on the commission's office in Leuven and a Church centre and former archbishop's home in Mechelen prompted a sharp reaction from Pope Benedict.
- The raids embarrassed the Belgian Church still reeling from the resignation of Bruges Bishop Roger Vangheluwe in April. Vangheluwe had admitted he had sexually abused a boy. That prompted a wave of abuse complaints to the commission.

### [Germany](#)

- Archbishop Robert Zollitsch, Germany's top Catholic bishop, apologised in March for mistakes he made in failing to report to authorities one case of suspected abuse by a priest in the Freiburg diocese nearly 20 years ago.
- Prosecutors in Freiburg said on June 2 charges of aiding and abetting sexual abuse had been filed against Zollitsch.
- A Jesuit investigation, commissioned in January, last month cited 205 allegations of sexual abuse against priests at Jesuit schools in Germany, revealing decades of systematic abuse and attempts at a cover-up by the Roman Catholic order.
- Since January, media reports have documented more than 250 cases of abuse in Catholic schools, prompting the government to set up a round table to address abuse in Germany.

- Pope Benedict accepted the resignation of Mixa of Augsburg in Bavaria on May 8. Mixa became the first bishop to quit in the pope's native Germany over church scandals.

### Ireland

- May 2009 - The Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse issued a five-volume report saying that priests abused children for decades in Catholic-run institutions.
- Nov 2009 - The government-commissioned Murphy report into abuse in Dublin from 1975 to 2004 said Church authorities covered up cases of child sexual abuse until the mid-1990s.
- Feb 2010 - Benedict held crisis talks with 24 Irish bishops at the Vatican. The bishops promised him they were committed to cooperating with authorities.
- March 2010 - Benedict apologised to victims of child sex abuse by Irish clergy, saying he felt "shame and remorse". He also announced a formal Vatican investigation of Irish dioceses, seminaries and religious orders. Irish victims accused the pope of evading the question of Vatican responsibility.
- The pope accepted the resignation of Bishop John Magee of Cloyne, accused of mishandling reports of sexual abuse in his diocese on March 24. He later accepted the resignation of two other Irish bishops.
- The Vatican on May 31 named two cardinals and three archbishops from England, the U.S. and Canada to lead its inquiry into sexual abuse by clergy in Ireland that is to begin in the autumn.

### United States of America

- June 2002 - The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops agreed to bar paedophile priests from ever again acting as clerics, but not necessarily to expel them from the priesthood.
- Feb 2004 - Independent researchers said 10,667 people accused U.S. priests of child sex abuse from 1950 to 2002. More than 17 percent of accusers had siblings who were also abused.

- July 2007 - The Archdiocese of Los Angeles agreed to pay \$660 million to 500 victims of sexual abuse dating as far back as the 1940s, the largest compensation deal of its kind.
- March 2010 - The Vatican criticised The New York Times for its coverage of the scandals. The Vatican denied any cover-up in the abuse of 200 deaf boys by Reverend Lawrence Murphy from the 1950s to 1960s after the newspaper reported he was not defrocked despite warnings sent to the Vatican and Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, then the church's top doctrinal official, now Pope Benedict.

### Switzerland

- The Swiss bishops' conference said on June 2 that between January and May 2010 it had received reports of 72 perpetrators abusing 104 victims, up from 14 perpetrators and 15 victims in 2009.

### Austria

- A rash of reports of child sexual abuse in Austrian Catholic institutions was triggered by the resignation of the arch-abbot of Salzburg's St Peter's monastery in March after admitting to sexually abusing a boy 40 years ago.

### Australia

- July 2008 - On a visit to Australia, Pope Benedict apologised for sex abuse by clergy. At that time there had been 107 convictions for abuse in the Australian Catholic church.

### UK

- July 2000 - London Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor acknowledged making a mistake in a previous post in the 1980s by allowing a paedophile priest to continue working. The priest was jailed in 1997 for abusing nine boys.

### Mexico

- In March 2009 Pope Benedict ordered an inquiry into the Legionaries of Christ priestly order, whose founder was discovered to be a sexual molester. In 2006, the pope told the founder, Father Marcial Maciel, to retire to a life of "prayer and penitence". Maciel died in 2008.

- His order acknowledged in 2009 that he had fathered at least one child with a mistress, and it formally apologised to his victims in March 2010.

## Movies/Documentaries

- **2015** - 'Spotlight' (Best Motion Picture of the Year, Best Writing, Original Screenplay)

IMDB [\[38\]](#): "The true story of how the Boston Globe uncovered the massive scandal of child molestation and cover-up within the local Catholic Archdiocese, shaking the entire **Catholic Church** to its core."

## Additional Resources

- ITCCS.ORG and The International Tribunal into Crimes of Church and State (Mandate: (1) To lawfully prosecute those people and institutions responsible for the exploitation, trafficking, torture and murder of children, past and present, and (2) To stop these and other criminal actions by church and state, including by disestablishing those same institutions.) [\[39\]](#)
- [BishopAccountability.org](http://BishopAccountability.org)

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WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "ACCOUNTABILITY"?

It is a matter of public record that U.S. bishops have knowingly transferred thousands of abusive priests into unsuspecting parishes and dioceses, placing fear of "scandal" ahead of the welfare of children. The bishops themselves have apologized for what they call their "mistake," but they say nothing about the crucial actions that constitute accountability.

For true "bishop accountability" to occur, two things must happen: 1) there must be a full "account" of the bishops' responsibility for the sexual abuse crisis, both individually and collectively, and 2) bishops who have caused the abuse of children and vulnerable adults must be "held accountable."

- Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests [\[41\]](#)

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